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The Honorable Hugh J. Addonizio
Mayor of the City of Newark
City Hall
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Dear Hugh:

Thank you for your recent letter relative to the newspaper accounts of my statement concerning the recommendations of the Commission on Civil Disorder and calling for the creation of a small continuing group to oversee implementation of those recommendations.

As you know, in those comments I was simply reiterating a suggestion of the Commission itself. Since our Report was filed and the Commission officially disbanded, I have considered it proper to speak out in behalf of the Findings and Recommendations as they appear in the words of the Commissioners as a group. It has been my hope that such republications would serve as a current reminder of the need for response to the specific problems found.

I have attempted, however, to studiously avoid any statements which might be construed as going beyond the actual words of the Commission itself. It has been my concern that, even now, what I say about this subject might be unfairly attributed to the Commission as a whole, when in fact it no longer exists.

I am hopeful you will understand my reluctance in this respect and why, therefore, I feel it might be inappropriate for me, as an individual, to attempt an evaluation of progress made by any agency in carrying out the Commission's Recommendations.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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